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all young men living in the Rumburk district, born between 1928 and 1934 inclusive received summonses to appear for induction between 10 September and 5 October 1953.

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the Beseda Restaurant located on the left side of the street leading from the railroad station to the market square. The young recruits were waiting in front of the restaurant and no guards, either police or military, were posted there. An announcement affixed to the door instructed the recruits to go up to a hall on the first floor. At the entrance to this hall a man in civilian clothes asked for the summonses and retained them.

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3. On the date in question, approximately 48 men had been summoned for induction. When all recruits summoned were present, one representative each of the District Committee of the Czech Communist Party and the Rumburk District National Committee (ONV) entered the hall. Each of them made a speech. First they greeted the recruits, then they told them to be proud to become soldiers and finally expressed their hopes that all of them would be found fit for service so that they might serve their country. Following these speeches, the recruits were required to line up and were called up by name by the representative of the ONV.

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10. Upon completion of the physical, [redacted] return to the above-mentioned hall. There, all recruits who had been fully processed were waiting.

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[redacted] a Border Guard (PS) officer was just instructing the recruits about the life and duties of the Border Guards. Upon completion of his speech, Capt. Burian entered the hall and called the recruits by name, handing each person called up his Prukaz brance.

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4. Then the actual induction procedure began. The man who had stood at the door entered the hall and called [] names from a roster he held in his hand. The people responding were led into an adjoining room by him. The others stayed in the hall. During lunch time the recruits were allowed to eat in the restaurant, where a stew of minced meat with potatoes and a glass of beer were served for about 7 Kcs. [] called and taken to an adjoining room.

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Then an arithmetic problem was dictated [] as follows: a four digit number had to be divided by a two digit number and a four digit number had to be multiplied by 45.

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[] Upon completion of these tasks, the examiner collected the papers. Then this man questioned the recruits as to the type of books and newspapers they preferred, which articles and news they liked to find in the newspapers, whether they went to the movies and which movies they would term "good"; whether they were active in sports and which types they liked best. The examiner noted down the answers on the reverse side of the sheet of paper containing the life history.

5. After this examination the recruits had to step over to another table in the same room. At this table the secretary of the Rumburk ONV, a woman, was seated. The secretary completed a questionnaire []

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She asked for:

- a) Personal data
 - 1) Name
 - 2) Date and place of birth
 - 3) Occupation
- b) Personal data of his parents
- c) Total number of relatives in East Germany
- d) Relatives and other contacts in the West, with addresses
- e) Correspondents in the West, with addresses

6. The secretary of the ONV had a list on her table against which she compared [] statements while completing the questionnaire.

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7. Then the secretary made entries on the upper part of page 2 of a blank form of the Recruit's Identity Document (Prukaz brance). At that time the form contained neither the stamp of the ONV (District Military Command) Rumburk nor the signature of the District Military Commander, Capt. Burian. []

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8. After the [] recruits had been processed that far, they were sent behind a curtain dividing the room, where they had to undress. From here a door led into another room which was occupied by the induction commission. There were two tables in this room. At one of them two men in white coats (physicians) were seated and at the other, one Army officer, one SNB officer and one man in civilian clothes. (It was rumored among the recruits that the man in civilian clothes was a representative of the StB.) There also were a measuring rod and scales in the room, which were handled by a man in civilian clothes. []

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14. After lunch [redacted] The induction process went on. In the meantime, officers of the different branches of service and the Border Guard told the fully processed recruits about the wonderful life of soldiers. After 3 p.m. the induction process was over. At that time Capt. Burian entered the hall and calling up the recruits by name he handed them the Prukaz brance. [redacted] 25X1

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The captain requested the recruits to read the instructions on the conduct of a recruit on the last page of the Prukaz brance carefully and to behave accordingly. He added that nobody could change his place of work till the day he was drafted, and that nobody could be dismissed by a national enterprise. Following Capt. Burian's instructions, a physician directed a few words about bodily hygiene to the recruits. Before the recruits left the hall, they were told by Capt. Burian that they would have to report to Rumburk the day they were supposed to enter the service. From there they would be transported to Liberec and there learn to what unit they were to be assigned.

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[redacted] Recruit's Record Document (Zaznamni prukaz brance) in addition to the Prukaz brance. In this Zaznamni prukaz brance the recruit's cooperation with Svazarm, particularly his participation in firing exercises, remarks about medical treatment he had received and all other exercises and participation in sports events, are supposed to be entered.

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